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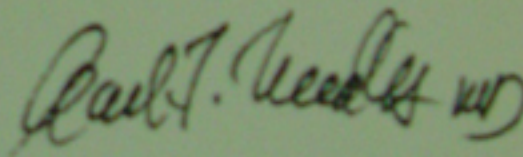
FAX TRANSMISSION

Dear Mr. Clark:

Please refer to my Feb. 26 FAX to Mr Sturgis. I now inform you that the results of the Feb. 8, 1993 urine tests on Charles ROBINSON, performed by Eastern Laboratory of Port Washington, NY do not seem reliable. Re-analysis of a saved portion of that specimen by a reference laboratory gave completely different results. If you wish the specifics, please contact me at the above phone number.

If the abnormal results by Eastern are the basis for Mr. Robinson's being in Gracie Square Hospital, I suggest you release him promptly.

Sincerely yours,



Carl F. Needles, M.D.

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March 4, 1993

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Dear Dr. Bittman:

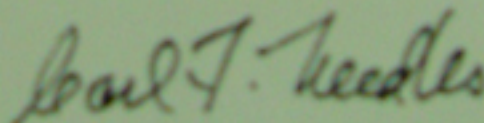
Thank you for responding to my call today on behalf of our mutual patient, Charles Robinson.

This is to reiterate what I mentioned on the telephone: that although I had alerted the E.A.P. of Metro-North that the accuracy of the testing of his urine specimen of Feb. 8/93 was suspect, and although I asked for a delay in Mr. Robinson's hospitalization in order to ascertain the truth, E.A.P. denied a stay and ordered immediate hospitalization.

The toxicologic picture is this: the specimen of 2/8/93 was tested by Eastern Laboratory of Port Washington, NY; their report is positive for cocaine, morphine, and codeine. Washington Institute was asked to have duplicate testing performed on the remnant of the Feb. 8 specimen. Urine was sent via Federal Express from Eastern to Roche Biomedical Labs of Raritan, NJ, arriving on Feb. 26. This specimen proved NEGATIVE for all substances screened for. It should be noted that Roche is a reference lab, while Eastern is not.

Thus, what must be called into question is not only the allegedly positive urine testing but the diagnosis of drug dependency. I certainly hope Mr. Robinson has not been hospitalized without medical or psychological justification.

Very truly yours,



Carl F. Needles, M.D.

cc: C. Robinson